

**WARREN TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 24, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The Environmental Commission (EC) of Warren Township, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey convened in a Regular Meeting at the Warren Township Municipal Building, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM

**Flag salute**

Pursuant to the requirement of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, Adequate notice of this meeting was given by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board and sending a copy to the Township Clerk, Echoes Sentinel and Courier News as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. All Commissioners are duly appointed volunteers working for the Township of Warren.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Laura Mandell, Harold Black, Desiree Denourie, Phil Lobo, Dave Pasi  
**Absent:** Karen Task, Sandra Ponzio, David Gabel

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016 were reviewed for approval. A motion was made by Desiree Denourie to accept these minutes and Dave Pasi seconded the motion.

**IV. DISCUSSION:**

Dave Pasi began a discussion by asking the WEC, "Who enforces the WEC's recommendations, especially where ordinances are concerned? He wanted to know who police's the recommendations – which person or group follows up the recommendations made by the WEC. Laura Mandell asked the WEC Secretary, Lori, to make these inquiries to the Township Administrator, Mark Krane, and Lori said she would.

**V. MAIL/CORRESPONDENCE OF MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**

- 1) A Letter of Interpretation (LOI) was received for Block 82, Lot 12.02, Chase Partners regarding freshwater accuracy of freshwater wetlands.  
*In reviewing the map, the WEC pointed out that there are significant amounts of land mass which are wetlands on this property.*
- 2) A Notice was received from PS&S for Block 71, Lots 22.05, 73, 78 and 79; Krausche Road, of Freshwater wetlands.  
*It was advised by the WEC, that when the application comes in, the WEC would like to see the Environmental Assessment.*
- 3) A Letter of Interpretation was received for Block 85.01, Lots 2 & 3 from Environmental Associates, Inc. regarding Chase Partners.  
*In reviewing the map, the WEC pointed out that there was not enough information to go by and that this was valuable land with a lot of wetland areas.*

- 4) A Letter of Interpretation was received for Block 85.01, Lots 1 & 4 from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding Chase Partners.  
*In their review, the WEC noted that every lot has wetlands and they are concerned about long term flooding. It was recommended that a 5 year and 100 year flood plain be considered.*
- 5) A Letter of Interpretation was received from the NJ Dept. of Enviro. Protection regarding Luisa Lourenco of Block 96, Lot 11.  
*The WEC indicated there was not enough information provided to extend a recommendation.*
- 6) A Permit Application was received from T&M Associates for the East County Park Phase II Trail development, copy on file with the Township Clerk.  
*The WEC recommended that any improvements to this area be left in as natural a state as possible.*

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. CASE: PB 16-01 **QUALIFYING PLAN**  
 BLOCK/LOT: BL 98 / LOT 26  
 DATE: March 14, 2016  
 APPLICANT: **Old Church Road Assoc, LLC**  
 Max Ness  
 ATTORNEY: Lloyd H. Tubman, Esq.  
 ENGINEER: Kevin Page  
 APPLICATION: APPLICATION FOR 10 LOT PRELIMINARY MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS

PROPOSAL: *Attached is the Qualifying Plan, which shows they can conform prior to submitting the revised plan.*

PAST COMMENTS BY WEC: *Preserve topsoil  
 The WEC would appreciate conservation easements – we request that the setback area remain natural.  
 Minimum disturbance to the natural foliage is strongly requested.  
 Adhere to tree replacement ordinance: NJSA 15-7.2y and NJSA 15-7.2u  
 WEC requests that the developer provide an Environmental Impact Statement.*

NEW COMMENTS BY WEC: *The WEC needs to understand the “chemical based grasses.” There is no tree or shrub inventory.*

The next Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, (as the June 21, 2016 meeting is canceled due to lack of quorum) at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 46 Mountain Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Laura Mandell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM; the motion was carried by Dave Pasi and seconded by Phil Lobo.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Sullivan, Secretary  
 Environmental Commission